

**REMARKS**

Applicants have canceled claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment places the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for Appeal.

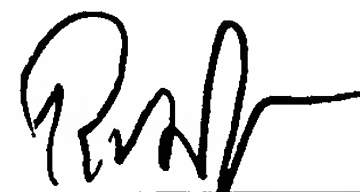
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of this paper to place the application in better form for appeal. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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